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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 613

By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Anna LaBar upon receiving the Love Community Service Award and for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their time and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Anna LaBar is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a senior Business Management major at Tennessee Technological University, Ms. LaBar was recently awarded the Love Community Service Award for outstanding community service performed at the campus level by students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Anna has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Anna was nominated for the award by Tennessee Technological University President, Angelo Volpe, mainly for her selfless work during the past two years with a visually impaired student; Anna goes to class with the student, reads assignments to her, takes her shopping, and even goes on school field trips with her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBar was also praised for her exceptional babysitting experience, particularly her care for children of two different families during recent crises; and

WHEREAS, Anna also volunteers a great deal in the community, organizing the Children's Choir at St. Michael's Episcopal Church during her freshman year and singing as a member of the Wesley Singers; participating in out-of-state mission trips; ministering to the homeless and drug addicts at soup kitchens and at rehabilitation centers; and teaching African drumming and dancing at Prescott Central Middle School; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the Mortar Board and serves in other service groups while maintaining a remarkable 3.6 GPA; and

WHEREAS, Anna LaBar's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the Love Community Service Award is named in honor of the late Representative Harold Love, who sponsored the legislation to create the program as a way to recognize individuals committed to community service involved in Tennessee's higher education institutions; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the award are nominated by college and university administrators and teachers, students, or members of the public and are students, faculty, and staff members who have displayed a high level of community service, including volunteer work, community organization, public service, charitable service, and leadership roles in all of these areas. The nominations are gathered by the presidents and chancellors of the colleges and universities and submitted to a task force comprised of representatives from the Independent Colleges, Tennessee Board of Regents, and University of Tennessee, who reviews the letters of recommendation and decides on the finalists; and

WHEREAS, Anna LaBar will be honored at the annual Love Community Service Awards Banquet in Nashville on April 12, 2000, where she will receive \$1,000 for her dedication and hard work and efforts; and

WHEREAS, seven Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, and students have won the award since its inception in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBar is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated public servant, reliable friend, and neighbor in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her school and her community; and

WHEREAS, Anna LaBar is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Ms. Anna LaBar upon her receipt of the Love Community Service Award, applaud her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.